

Raja Chari, a native of Cedar Falls, Iowa, a decorated Air Force pilot, and commander of the NASA SpaceX Crew-3 mission.

Raja recently returned from a successful mission to the International Space Station, a milestone in U.S. space exploration. I had the privilege of meeting Raja yesterday to hear more about his mission with his team, and I appreciate his passion for ensuring that the U.S. wins the 21st century space race—not China.

Raja is an inspiration to the next generation of aspiring astronauts, fighter pilots, and scientists. He is a role model for my two boys, Max and Jax, and other young Iowans who truly want to shoot for the stars.

From Cedar Falls, Iowa, to the International Space Station, Raja has made America proud, and he has made Iowa proud.

AMERICANS DESERVE TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT

(Mrs. GREENE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, since 9/11 over 13.5 million border encounters have occurred at our border. Over 1 million Americans have died from drug overdoses, and CNN reports that the cartels take in \$19 to \$29 billion annually from drug sales to the United States of America.

Since 9/11 the United States has spent \$8 trillion on foreign wars, and over 7,000 U.S. servicemembers have died defending foreign lands and foreign borders.

Now we have sent over \$50 billion to Ukraine, and President Biden wants another \$37 billion to Ukraine. This will be pushing it to over \$90 billion.

Yesterday Democrats voted “no” on my House resolution to audit Ukraine. The American people deserve transparency and oversight on where their money is going.

I also want to point out that America deserves our borders to be defended so that if we are going to support any war, we should support a war on the cartels that are killing Americans and invading our country.

SUPPORTING MEDICARE PROVIDERS

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, as we end this session of Congress in the next few weeks, I remind all Members we are acutely aware that without congressional action, the entire healthcare clinician community faces a cumulative Medicare payment cut in reduction of approximately 8.5 percent on January 1, 2023.

Without congressional action, these cuts will continue to drive hospital consolidation, limit patient access, and

harm physicians’ ability to run their own small businesses.

These outdated cuts in a time when considerable stress is placed upon physicians has meant that they are affected. They are affected because of the costs that they have on their business.

So at a time when we look for this access and the care for our most vulnerable populations, it is up to Congress to make sure that we pass H.R. 8800, the Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AT OUR BORDER

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I want to focus a light today on the ongoing humanitarian crisis unfolding at our southern border. This week, President Biden once again refused to visit the border saying: “There are more important things going on.”

It is no surprise the President doesn’t want to go to the border because he would have to confront the crisis that his rhetoric and policies have created.

Unlike the President, I have visited the border. During my visit, one thing became crystal clear: his catch-and-release policies have dramatically escalated the crisis. Law enforcement told me about how coyotes bring women and children across the border trafficking and sexually abusing them along the journey.

Data underscores the impact that President Biden’s rhetoric has had. CBP reports show that Southwest land border encounters have increased almost fivefold in 2 years.

I have a message to the President: It is time to address the border crisis. It is time to stop the drug and human trafficking. And it is time, Mr. President, to finish the wall and reinstate the policies to remain in Mexico.

FIRE VICTIMS TRUST

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Throughout California there are tens of thousands of residents who lost their homes, their belongings, and, for some, even their loved ones due to wildfires.

In 2020, the fire victims trust was established to compensate survivors of the 2015 Butte, the 2017 North Bay, and the 2018 Camp fires with a total of \$13.5 billion of settlement award money.

Survivors have waited years for compensation to rebuild their lives, and they have long awaited these funds. Instead, to add insult, many of them are facing immense tax burdens and navigating the uncertainty of our ambiguous tax code trying to find concrete answers of how much they may or may not owe the Government in taxes.

We should not force survivors to pay Federal taxes on compensation they

would otherwise use to rebuild their lives, and we certainly should not be forcing them to pay taxes on funds that are going to the lawyers involved as well.

Congressman MIKE THOMPSON and I have introduced H.R. 7305 to correct this injustice. I am urging all my colleagues in the House to support this bipartisan legislation and bring much-needed financial reprieve to these wildfire survivors.

They shouldn’t have to live with this uncertainty over their heads. This needs to be passed by the end of this year.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JONES) at 7 o’clock and 3 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO- VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8404, RESPECT FOR MAR- RIAGE ACT

Ms. SCANLON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 117–608) on the resolution (H. Res. 1510) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8404, RESPECT FOR MAR- RIAGE ACT

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1510 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1510

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The previous